

The Daily Courant.

Monday, November 16. 1702.

London, Nov. 15.

Last night three Mails arriv'd from Holland, the last being that of Tuesday the 10th.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated Nov. 13.

Yesterday about Noon a Courier from the Count de Chateaurenault arriv'd at Versailles, with Advice that the English and Dutch Forces not being able to possess themselves of Vigo were oblig'd to re-imbark, and to retire. We are not yet acquainted with the Particulars of what pass'd in the Descent, but 'tis certain that the French and Spanish Ships are not burnt, as some reported; 'Tis true the Enemy have carry'd off 5 of them; but they have lost as many themselves either burnt or sunk. The French behaved themselves with uncommon Bravery, and 'tis not doubted but the Loss of the Enemy would have been much more considerable, if the Militia of Galicia had not run away at their approach. 'Tis confirm'd that the Silver is in Safety, and great part of the Merchandizes. We are perswaded that the Spanish Factors will make no difficulty now of discovering the Effects on board the Galleons, that belong to the English and Dutch Merchants; who by that means will pay tripple the Damage done at Vigo.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Nov. 18.

We have receiv'd Advice that the Count de Chateaurenault arriving at Vigo on the 23d of September, and finding no Provisions there, of which his Fleet was in great Want, he immediately dispatch'd the Frigate Medusa to Lisbon, and the Jolie and the Nereid to Corunna, to get some. At the same time he set his Men at work, tho' weak thro' the Fatigue of the Voyage and Distempers, to raise Batteries in places convenient for the defence of the Fleet. The Prince de Barbancon having in a little time caus'd a great number of Carts to be brought down, they work'd with utmost diligence to land all the Silver that was brought by the Flota, which was carry'd to Lugo, thirty Leagues from Vigo, with the Goods of most value. On the 22d of October the Provisions that were expected not being arriv'd, The Enemy's Fleet appear'd before Vigo. The Count de Chateaurenault had put Cannoneers in the New Batteries: At the Entrance into the Port, he had caus'd a Boom to be laid, defended by the Bourbon and the Esperance commanded by the Marquesses de la Galissonniere and Montbault; and he had posted near it 500 Men French and Spaniards, under the command of the Sieur de Sorel Inspector of the Marines, and of Don Ferdinand Chacon Commander of the Quick-silver Ships. It was hoped that the Efforts of the Enemy would have been ineffectual; but they putting 4000 Men into their Chaloups, and making towards the Shore on the South side, the Militia who were order'd to oppose the Descent, fled to the Mountains, and so the Enemy landed without any trouble. The Sieurs de Sorel and Chacon hasten'd to receive them and charg'd them thrice with extraordinary Valour; but they were oblig'd to yield to the Superior Number of the Enemy, and the Batteries were taken. Then the Enemy ad-

vanc'd towards the Boom with their largest Ships. Those that defended it, and those that were within shot of it, made all the Resistance that was possible. The Vice-Admiral of the English Red Squadron was laid on board and part of her burnt by a Fireship commanded by the Sieur d'Escalette a Lieutenant of a Man of War, who having receiv'd three Musquet-shots and being unable to act himself, order'd his Lieutenant to blow up the Fireship. But all these Efforts could not hinder the Boom from being broken; and then the Count de Chateaurenault, seeing it was impossible to save the Ships, sent order to all the Captains, and to the General of the Spanish Flota to burn them; which was executed, some few excepted that were run a-ground. He order'd all the Ships Crews to rendezvous at Compostella, where the Chapter and the Magistrates which he caus'd to be assembled having offer'd him Arms and Ammunition, he was making ready to march from thence to oppose the Enemy.

Since this we have Advice from Vigo of the 29th of October, that the Enemy having in vain attempted to take Vigo, were re-imbark'd, and were making ready to Sail.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Nov. 16.

Madrid, Oct. 28. We are very uneasy here on advice of the Enemy's Fleet being come before Vigo; yet 'tis believ'd we need not be very solicitous for the Silver that came in the Galleons; because 'tis advis'd that it is not only unladen, but brought to Lugo, 27 Leagues from Vigo.

St. Sebastian, Oct. 31. We have not yet the Particulars of the Lading of the Flota. The King has given Order about the Indulto; and has commanden every Person concern'd to make a solemn Declaration of what belongs to him on his own proper Account, and what is in commission for Foreigners.

From the Amsterdam Courant dated Nov. 21.

Vigo, Oct. 18. The Plate Fleet and the French Men of War are gone up the River to Rodondello, upon advice by several Expresses from Madrid that the Confederate Fleet sail'd from Cadiz on the 29th ult. and 'twas fear'd might be coming hither; whereupon, besides the Boom that is laid cross the River, several Batterys are thrown up and planted with Cannon; and they work hard to repair the Walls, and add new Fortifications to this Town, tho' all is in the utmost Confusion here. They work day and night to get out the Silver which is on board the Galleons, and they assure us that a great number of Carts are already gone with it to Lugo. Several Expresses from Madrid come hither from time to time, the last of which brought word that there is no good understanding between the Courts of Spain and Portugal, and that they are very apprehensive that Matters will come to an open Rupture; Wherefore 'tis earnestly recommended to us not only to perfect the Fortifications along this River, but those likewise that are on the Frontiers of Portugal.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Nov. 21.

Sevil, Oct. 24. Letters from Vigos advise, that the Silver brought by the Galleons was begun to be unladen, and would be sent in Carts 40 Leagues up into Galicia.

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Madrid, Nov. 2. Yesterday we receiv'd the surprizing News that the English and Dutch Fleet came on the 22d into the Port of Vigo, and the next day made themselves Masters by main force of the Batteries and the Boom that defended the mouth of the River between Rodendello and Vigo, in 2 hours time, upon which the French set fire to their Men of War, and some of our Galleons. The Circumstances of the Action are not yet known. For ought we can understand, *The Silver of the Registro, which was on board the Capitana the Almirante and Governo of the Flota*, is all that was saved. The Enemy have taken Rodendello and Congas, and besieg'd Vigo; we fear they will likewise march to Lugo, whither some of the Silver is said to be carry'd, and (as some write) part of that is convey'd to Segovia. Several Councils have been held on this occasion, tho' we are in no condition to make head against the Enemy. 'Tis reported that the Count de Chateauregnault design'd to carry the Galleons directly to Brest or Port St. Lewis, but receiving Advice that a Squadron of English Men of War were cruising on that Coast to intercept him, he turn'd into the Port of Vigo.

The Leiden Gazette says in the Article of the same date from Madrid, That when the News came to be publickly known, the City was fill'd with Outcries and Lamentations of the People; that most of the Shops were shut up, for fear of their being pillag'd by the Rabble who exclaim'd loudly against the Government; and that there was a general Murmuring against Cardinal Porto-Carrero and other Members of the Privy Council, who were reproach'd with delaying the unlading of the Galleons, by insisting on a greater Sum than the Chamber of Sevil could agree to pay for the Indulto. But that others laid the blame on the Chamber of Seville, who would neither yield to the carrying of the Galleons into France, nor that they should be unloaded at Vigo, but insisted on their going to Cadiz and being clear'd there.

Hague, October 20. An Express has brought word, That some of the Three-deck Ships of the Confederate Fleet belonging to the Maes Squadron, are arriv'd in Goree and Helvoetsluys, with some of the French Men of War and Spanish Galleons that were taken; and we have great hopes that Admiral Allemonde is arriv'd with the rest of the Three-deck Ships in the Texel.

They write from Lisbon that a Marriage is concluded betwixt the Prince of Brasil and the Archduchess of Austria.

From Frankfort that the Forces under Prince Lewis of Baden, and those under the Marshal de Villars, are separated and gone into Winter Quarters.

Count Tallard is disposing his Troops into Winter Quarters likewise.

The Camp at Bruel is likewise broken up, and the Troops that compos'd it gone into Winter Quarters.

There has been a little Action between the Elector of Bavaria and General Palfi, in which the latter was worsted.

The Armys in Italy continue still in their former Camps.

But we refer to our next for the Particulars.

They Write from the Hague of Tuesday last, that the Earl of Marlborough's Baggage and most of his Domesticks were already on board, and that his Excellency himself would embark to return to England with the first fair Wind.

London, Nov. 16. . . . Britton Esq; Collector of the Customs at Dover, and . . . Gossin Esq; are made Commissioners of the Prizes, being added to the former Five.

Captain Bright, of Lieutenant General Churchill's Regiment, died at Sea returning from Vigo.

We hear that Admiral Hobson is made a Commissioner of the Navy.

THE Mine Adventurers do hereby give Notice, That any Persons who have occasion for Lead Oar, may be furnish'd with what Quantities they please at reasonable Rates, if they enquire at their Office in Bartholomew-Lane near the Royal Exchange London, or at Mr. Waller's House near the Silver Mills in Cardigan-shire.

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